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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MEDIA DEVELOPMENT EQUITY FUND, A NEW
YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

- against -

07 Civ. 3624 (PKL)

NOVI LIST D.D., A JOINT STOCK COMPANY
ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Defendant.

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

Defendant Novi List d.d. ("Novi List"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, Lovells LLP, hereby answers the Complaint of plaintiff Media Development Equity Fund ("MDEF"), filed on May 7, 2007 (the "Complaint"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. Defendant admits that Plaintiff purports to bring this action for the reasons set forth in paragraph 1.

2. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 2 except that Defendant denies that "[t]he contractual rights at issue in this case are essential to MDLF's¹ effort to provide . . . critical oversight to defendant Novi List."

3. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 3.

4. In response to paragraph 4, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement, Credit Agreement, Shareholders' Agreement, and Shares Subscription Agreement, which speak for themselves.

5. In response to paragraph 5, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement, Credit Agreement, Shareholders' Agreement, and Shares Subscription Agreement, which speak for themselves. Defendant admits that Rijecki List purportedly owns "just over" 50% of Novi List's shares.

6. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 6.

7. In response to paragraph 7, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement, which speaks for itself.

8. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 8.

9. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 9.

¹ Capitalized terms used herein are used as defined in the Complaint, unless otherwise indicated.

10. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 10, except that Defendant admits that plaintiff purports to seek a declaration that the Option Agreement has been terminated due to alleged contractual breaches by Novi List and Rijecki List.

JURISDICTION

11. Paragraph 11 states a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required.

12. Paragraph 12 states in part a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required, except that Defendant admits that MDEF sent a purported notice of termination of the Option Agreement to Novi List on or about January 29, 2007. Defendant denies that the Option Agreement has been terminated.

13. Paragraph 13 states a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required.

VENUE

14. Paragraph 14 states a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required.

PARTIES AND INTERESTED NON-PARTIES

15. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 15.

16. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 16.

17. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 17.

18. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 18.

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19. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 19.

20. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 20.

21. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 21.

22. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 22.

23. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 23.

24. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 24.

25. In response to paragraph 25, Defendant admits that the quoted language appears in a press release.

26. Defendant admits the allegations of paragraph 26, except with respect to subparagraph 26(e). Defendant admits the first sentence and denies the balance of that subparagraph.

27. In response to paragraph 27, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement, Credit Agreement, Shareholders' Agreement, and Shares Subscription Agreement, which speak for themselves.

28. In response to paragraph 28, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement and the Credit Agreement, which speak for themselves.

29. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 29.

BREACHES RESULTING IN TERMINATION OF THE OPTION AGREEMENT

30. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 30 except that Defendant admits that Novi List repaid the funds borrowed to purchase the printing press.

31. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 31.

32. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 32.

COUNT ONE

33. Defendant incorporates its responses to paragraphs 1-32 by reference, as if set forth herein.

34. In response to paragraph 34, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Shareholders' Agreement, which speaks for itself.

35. In response to paragraph 35, Defendant admits that Plaintiff sent a letter to Rijecki List requesting a power of attorney.

36. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 36.

37. In response to paragraph 37, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement, which speaks for itself.

38. Paragraph 38 states a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required. Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief it seeks therein.

COUNT TWO

39. Defendant incorporates its responses to paragraphs 1-32 by reference, as if set forth herein.

40. In response to paragraph 40, Defendant admits that MDLF sent a purported notice of default to Rijecki List.

41. In response to paragraph 41, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement and the Credit Agreement, which speaks for themselves.

42. Paragraph 42 states a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required. Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief it seeks therein.

COUNT THREE

43. Defendant incorporates its responses to paragraphs 1-32 by reference, as if set forth herein.

44. In response to paragraph 44, Defendant respectfully directs the Court to the Option Agreement, Credit Agreement, Shareholders' Agreement, and Shares Subscription Agreement, which speak for themselves.

45. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 45.

46. Paragraph 46 states a legal conclusion as to which no responsive pleading is required. Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief it seeks therein.

AS FOR A FIRST DEFENSE

47. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

AS FOR A SECOND DEFENSE

48. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of unclean hands.

AS FOR A THIRD DEFENSE

49. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of impossibility of performance.

AS FOR A FOURTH DEFENSE

50. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of laches.

AS FOR A FIFTH DEFENSE

51. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of waiver.

AS FOR A SIXTH DEFENSE

52. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of estoppel.

AS FOR A SEVENTH DEFENSE

53. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of acquiescence.

AS FOR AN EIGHTH DEFENSE

54. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of ratification.

AS FOR A NINTH DEFENSE

55. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by virtue of Plaintiff's own inaction, culpable conduct and unreasonable delay.

AS FOR A TENTH DEFENSE

56. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, pursuant to the statute of frauds.

AS FOR AN ELEVENTH DEFENSE

57. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitations.

AS FOR A TWELFTH DEFENSE

58. Plaintiff failed to provide Defendant and/or Rijecki List opportunities to cure the alleged breaches.

AS FOR A THIRTEENTH DEFENSE

59. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of accord and satisfaction.

AS FOR A FOURTEENTH DEFENSE

60. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the terms of the Option Agreement, Credit Agreement, Shareholders' Agreement, and Shares Subscription Agreement.

AS FOR A FIFTEENTH DEFENSE

61. Plaintiff failed to perform its obligations under and/or repudiated the Option Agreement, Shares Subscription Agreement, and Shareholders' Agreement.

AS FOR A SIXTEENTH DEFENSE

62. The claims in the Complaint are barred because, pursuant to the parties' course of conduct and lack of protest from Plaintiff, Defendant's and Rijecki List's performance of the agreements at issue was acceptable to Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that:

- (i) The Complaint be dismissed with prejudice; and

(ii) Defendant be awarded the costs of this action, together with such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
July 10, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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